

# Burbank YMCA Service Club

## The Y's Expression

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Bret Ulrich, **Christmas trees – Co-chair**  
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### Christmas Tree Lot Big Success!

Our 2009 Christmas Tree Fundraiser was a vital part of our YMCA and the YMCA Service Club’s (Burbank Y’s Men’s Club, Inc.) image in the Community. We just completed our 50<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas tree sales and have sold over 62,000 trees raising over \$872,000 for youth programs and projects. The people of our community and surrounding area came to our lot to keep the *TRADITION OF HAVING A REAL CHRISITMAS TREE* in their household and place of business.

Our thanks go to the Burbank Redevelopment Department who permitted the use of the property at our new location - Burbank Blvd. at Victory Place. Redevelopment Department personnel helped us with signage to ensure safety at the busy intersection. *Frank and Bret* were responsible for the overall management and arrangement of the property working with city personnel from September. *Bob* was responsible for the overall electrical layout assuring proper lighting and power. *Jacques* took care of scheduling the workers and having enough help. *Brett Archer and his Y Staff* were responsible for the plumbing system to get water to our site from our neighbor, *Jerry Haines, Manager of R.C. Provisions*. *Ralph* was at the lot early to get the cash register ready for each day. *Betty* took care of the overall finances. *Roger, Chris, and Gordon* shared the nighttime responsibilities. A special thanks to Kam Kalantari who volunteered at nights; he and his wife, Melanie are ready to become new club members.

Thanks go to *All the Club members* who helped, as they were able and the many Y Staff members helping at night. A special thanks to *Tony and Vicky* who spent many hours in the pricing of trees; new member *Mary Lou*, who operated the cash register and credit card unit; and *Sue and Larry* for making the many deliveries.

By the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, we sold out. Over 1,240 Christmas trees were sold to many happy customers. The fundraiser brought in approximately \$12,000 that will be directed toward YMCA Annual and Capital expenses. The overall net for the fundraiser is projected to exceed twice that amount. *Frank Sakata, Christmas tree fundraiser co-chair*

**The Burbank Y’s Men’s Club / Burbank YMCA Service Club celebrates their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 17, 2010**



**“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right”**



**Getting trees processed for opening day**

## Growing Real Christmas Trees

- ★ Grown on farms, planted in rows, beginning in late winter/early spring
- ★ Most popular trees grown in Pacific NW are Douglas, Noble, and Grand Firs
- ★ Weed control, fertilization, insect control, pruning and shearing occur during the spring and summer months
- ★ Wholesale harvest is a multi-step process that begins in early fall:
  - Trees are tagged that will be cut and sold
  - Cutting is accomplished with power saws
  - Hauling from fields to staging areas
  - Baling trees involves wrapping mechanically with twine
  - Shipping to destinations via truck, rail, ship



- ★ Takes an average of 7 - 10 years to grow a tree to 6 - 7 feet
- ★ 93% of all REAL CHRISTMAS TREES purchased are recycled
- ★ 1 acre of REAL CHRISTMAS TREES provides enough oxygen for 18 people

- ★ tree was in England in 1510.
- ★ In the 1600s, Germans decorated Christmas with apples.
- ★ Christmas trees were introduced into United States by German settlers in 1800s.

- ★ Christmas trees were once used by Chimney Sweeps to clean the soot out of dirty chimneys.
- ★ Growing Christmas trees provides a natural habitat for fish and wildlife.
- ★ Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska.

- ★ Late 1800s - The first Christmas ornaments were introduced into the United States from Germany.
- ★ Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882.

**PSWR 2009 CONVENTION IN BREA, CA.**

Our recent PSWR Convention was held on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> in Brea, CA.

Ten (10) of our club attended this one day convention: Frank, Betty, Roger, Chris, Sepou, Karolin, Sue, Linette, Rowleen and Denny

Lunch was started at 1:00 pm with the presentation of the Bible and Flags. Awards and door prizes were given out as well as a list of activities available to the attendees.

- The Jerry Houston Award was given to No one this yr, YMCA Executive from that has given leadership to the Y's Men's Club.
- The Ev Pray Award was presented to Denny Grossman as the outstanding RD in our PSWR Region.
- The Turner Trophy went to Seal Beach Leisure World Club for getting the highest total of points based on number of members gained or lost, visitations, meeting attendance, as well as participation in district and region events.
- "Why Do We Pay Dues" forum was presented by Bruce Trent, our past Regional Director. Information was provided on the various fund raising activities and the use of the funds raised. Some of the different funds leaders added what was raised and what the funds were used for.
- Y's Men International for the Roll Back Malaria program raised over \$100,000. We are truly and International organization by going with the UNESCO funds to aid the poor countries.
- Dollars for Scholars was emphasized. These funds go for the education of YMCA professionals.
- The International Presidents Theme this year is "The Power of One". His Slogan is "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things" We want to work in harmony and understanding for what is best for us as individuals to ensure the global development of Y's Men International.
- Our vote for the USA representative on the International Council was Fred Leonard – Little Rock AK club Past USA Area President. .

After the forum free time was available until dinner at 7 p.m. The Hotel Guests had a complimentary Hotel Manager's reception from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

The Banquet started at 7:00pm with Phil Sammer, USA Area President from the Hawaii Region speaking. Phil gave us a lot of information on how we can build our clubs, which have been in declining membership. Our region has started to turn this around with very little loss of membership this last year.

- *The Roy Naylor* award was give to *JR Holdeman*, of the West Valley Club, for exceptional service, dedication and leadership ability. It is the greatest honor the PSWR can bestow on any member. *JR* really deserved this award as he has worked hard for Y'sdom for many years.
- The East Valley Club presented entertainment, which was a Korean magician. The event lasted over and hr. (scheduled for 30 minutes). Many could not understand what was being said.
- More door prizes were given out and the auctioning of center pieces and gifts was done (lasted too long and should be split up if done again into 2 days).
- A skit was led by *Tim Singletary*, 2010 PSWR Convention chairman. The theme was: *Lights, Camera, Burbank*. The convention will be held in Burbank, CA on the second weekend in October, at the Burbank Airport Marriot. Big events are planned for this upcoming 3-day convention.

The only club members that stayed overnight were *Rowleen & Denny*. Sunday morning the Embassy Suites had a great hot breakfast that you could order from a variety of things. Then we had a church service at 10 a.m. with Pastor *Amos Johnson*, a very dynamic speaker. He kept all very attentive during his sermon. Great music was played with guitars and a keyboard by 3 Y's Men. Over \$400 was collected in the church offering. We had communion and great Hymns.

Service Awards were presented to the various clubs by Bruce Trent, outgoing RD. Our *Burbank Club* received the maximum amount of awards, thanks to a great group of members and to *Gordon & Frank* for submitting the reports. We had a convention report on total funds collected and their use and the closing of the Bible.

**2010 PSWR CONVENTION IN BURBANK AT AIRPORT MARRIOT HOTEL, OCT. 8,9,10**

Our club will be supplying the Marshalls. We will be doing many things to help make this a great convention! We will need as many possible, in our club to participate, to really show off our Burbank YMCA. We had 10 go to a shortened convention last Sept. This one will be a full 3 day affair with lots going on. Any ideas or help will be really appreciated. Some ideas the committee is working on is a Burbank Historical Museum Tour, Universal City Tour, Dodger Stadium Tour and tour of our Y facility.

Important program to see and important meeting to touch base with other Valley District clubs. All please try and make it.

We are all set to have this TOF program at Hillstreet Cafe, 3301 W. Glenoaks, Burbank, CA. 818-845-0046. (2 blocks West of Buena Vista - North off 5 on Buena Vista, North for about 3 long blocks) 6 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 16th. We will be in the back banquet room.

This will be a great time to get together for this program and to have a little fellowship at the same time. Santa Monica PM, Conejo, West Valley, and Burbank all invited. Please try to make it. Good food, fair prices. We can talk about our various fundraisers also, like Christmas Trees, Pancake Breakfast, Taste of Burbank or whatever. The more we get together the more we learn and get stronger. Also the PSWR needs a Valley DG Elect and a Regional Director Elect. We all need to see if we can help out our PSWR in any way.

### Calendar of Events

**Jan. 5, Tues. Business meeting at Y**

**Jan. 17 Burbank Y's Men 65<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary**

**Jan. 19 Tues, Dinner meeting at Pomodoro**

**xx Exec. Board meeting – past business & mod. Budget recom.**

**Feb. 2 Tues. Business meeting at the YMCA – Induction / FSD Y Breakfast Chair**

**xx Current Support Kick-off**

**Feb. 16, Tues, Dinner meeting at Hillstreet (Foothill District TOF)**

**xx Current Support Report Meeting**

**Feb. 23 Executive Board Meeting – assist in plans for FSD Y Breakfast**

**March 2 Business meeting at the YMCA – FSD Y Breakfast**

**March 16 Dinner meeting @ tbd – Breakfast ticket sales by Y, Club members, others**

**April 6 Tues. Business meeting at the YMCA HKD Cordinator named**

**April 10 Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Burbank Farmers Market Club Promotion**

**April 17 Sat. Healthy Kids Day**

**April 20 Tues. Dinner meeting @tbd**

**May 4 Tues. Business meeting at the YMCA – FSD Y Breakfast final plans**

**May 8 Sat. Fire Service Day/Pancake Breakfast at Main Fire Station**

Psalm 103:11

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

So great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him,